Author’s response to reviews

Title: The mediating role of resilience and self-esteem between negative life events and positive social adjustment among left-behind adolescents in China: a cross-sectional study

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Author’s response to reviews:

Dear editor and reviewers:

On behalf of my co-authors, we thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to revise our manuscript. We appreciate editors and reviewers for their positive and constructive comments and suggestions on our manuscript entitled “The mediating role of resilience and self-esteem between negative life events and positive social adjustment among left-behind adolescents in China: a cross-sectional study” (ID: BPSY-D-18-00857R1).

After received your comments, we carefully studied the comments and made revisions on the previous manuscript. If you need further information or revision about our manuscript, please contact us at your early convenience. We would like to express our great appreciation again to you and reviewers for comments on our paper.

Yours sincerely,

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Response to the Editor:

Dear editor,

Thank you very much for your comments on our manuscript. We have added the reference number for the ethical approval in our the manuscript (see: Methods section/Ethics Statement/ page 5, line 26-27; Declarations section/Ethics approval and consent to participate/ page 13, line 13. )

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Response to the reviewer #1:

Dear reviewer,

Thank you very much for your comments on our manuscript. The authors really appreciated it. We have read the comments carefully and made revisions to the manuscript. Please allow us to address the issues you raised one by one.

(1) In addition to composite reliability, please also report Cronbach's alpha or omega coefficient.

Response: Thanks for your professional comments. According to your suggestion, we have reported Cronbach's alpha for our four scales in revised manuscript (see: Methods section/ measures/page 6: line 11, line 20, line 31; page 7: line 8. ).
(2) Figure 2 should report 95% Credible intervals. In Figure 2, Self-esteem is negatively related to PSA.

Response: Thanks for your valuable comments. We are sorry that 0.448 was mistakenly written as -0.448 in figure 2 of our original manuscript. We have correct it in our revised manuscript. And per to your suggestion, we have added 95% Credible intervals in figure 2 (see: figure 2).


Response: Thanks for your professional comments. It is really true as reviewer comment that beta is not an effect size. We have studied Preacher and Kelley's paper and other articles related to the effect size measures of mediation model carefully. (the ratio of the indirect effect to the total effect) and (the ratio of the indirect effect to the direct effect) are used to measure the effect size of our mediation model. We have corrected table 2, according to the reviewer’s suggestion. To make it clearly to the readers how the effect size of mediation model is measured, we added a detailed explanation in statistical analysis section (see: Methods section/statistical analysis/ page 8, line 3-6). Additionally, the literal description of effect size of mediation model was also corrected in result section of our revised manuscript. (see: Results section/page 9: line 26-36. )

If our manuscript needs further revision, please provide us with specific comments. Thank you again for your valuable comments.

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